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REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 28, 2004. With this amendment rejected claims 2, 4-6, 10-11, 14, 16, 20 and 23-29 have been cancelled and objected claims have been amended to independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for allowed claims 18, 21 and for objected claims 7, 9, 12-13 which have been amended to include limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. Consideration and favorable action with respect to this Amendment are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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